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### Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13, 15-17, 21-24 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13, 15-17, 21-24 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 March 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 09/03/2009 has been entered and considered by Examiner.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 9-13, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilk in view of Disanto (US Patent No: 5508720).

#### (1) Regarding claim 9:

Note that Wilk teaches at least two panel housings (i.e. e.g. housing of panel 144 and 142) with displays (i.e. 158 and 156), the panel housings being foldable on each other (see Fig. 13 and 14 that panel housings are foldable by the hinges 141 and 143), at least one side of the displays (158 and 138) being disposed adjacent to each other when the panel housings are unfolded (see the illustration on Fig. 15) (column 8, lines 1-40); connection means for foldably connecting the panel housings arranged at the opposite sides of the panel housings over the boundary portion of the adjacent displays (i.e. the external hinge 128 in Fig. 12, column 7, lines 54-47), but Wilk does

not teach that a key input part slidable in a right-angle direction to a direction connecting the display panel insert able into a lower portion by a sliding motion whereby the key input part is positioned behind the displays and does not cover the display.

However, Disanto in the same field of endeavor teaches a key input part (33) slidable in a right-angle direction to a direction (e.g. push-pull direction) connecting the display panel insert able into a lower portion by a sliding motion (i.e. keypad 32 disposed on a plat form 33 is extending from the panel housing 12 in a pushable or slidable motion) whereby the key input part is positioned behind the displays (i.e. 14 and 20) and does not cover the display.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to incorporate a key input part which is insert able into a lower by a sliding motion as taught by Disanto in to the display system of Wilk so a key input part which is slidable in a right-angle direction to a direction connecting the display panel could be insert able into a lower portion by a sliding motion, the key input part being positioned behind the displays and does not cover the display. In this configuration the mobile communication device would achieve a great display capacity without being increased in size.

(2) Regarding claim 10:

Note that Disanto teaches the sliding motion of the key input part (i.e. 213, Fig. 2b) and Wilk teaches folding/unfolding operation of the panel housings. Therefore, it would have been obvious that the sliding motion of the key input part being synchronized with a folding/unfolding operation of the panel housings.

(3) Regarding claim 11:

Wilk teaches a sub-display (i.e. 154) formed on an outer surface of the panel housings (i.e. 142, 144) (column 8, lines 10-20, Fig. 14).

(4) Regarding claim 12:

Note that Disanto teaches wherein the key input part slides out and Wilk teaches the panel housings (i.e. 144 and 142) are unfolded from each other (see Fig. 14). Therefore it would have been obvious to have the key input part slides out when the panel housings are unfolded from each other.

(5) Regarding claim 13:

Wilk teaches an expanding part (i.e. 194) separately coupled on the key input part (i.e. key pad of the phone) ( column 8, lines 59-67) .

(6) Regarding claim 15:

Wilk teaches the panel housing (i.e. 76, 72 and 78) are detachable coupled to each other (which is slidably couple to each other), and when the panel housings are coupled to each other, at least one side of the displays are disposed adjacent to each other (see Fig. 6) .

(7) Regarding claim 16:

Disanto teaches a support (i.e. 34 including a bar, Fig. 1) for enhancing supporting force between the key input part and the panel housing when the key input part slides out of the panel housing.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to have a support for enhancing supporting force between the key input part and the panel housings when the key input part slides out of the panel housings.

(8) Regarding claim 17:

Disanto teaches the support (i.e. 34) is designed slide between two panel housing (12) and the key input part or designed in more than two steps so that they can be overlapped.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to have the support is designed slide between the panel housing s and the key input part or designed in more than two steps so that they can be overlapped.

4. Claims 21-23, and 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilk (US Patent No: 6643124B1).

(1) Regarding claim 21:

Wilk teaches a multi display device (in Fig. 6 and 12-15) comprising:

at least two panel housings (i.e. housing for panels 144, 142, in Fig. 15) with displays (e.g. 158 and 156), the panel housings being foldable on each other (see the illustration in fig. 16, the housing of panels 144 and 142 are foldable) , wherein, a first display has a first edge and a second edge, at least one side of the displays being disposed adjacent to each other when the panel housings are unfolded in which a first display has a first edge and a second display has a second edge (see the illustration of Fig. 15, and column 8, lines 28-41) ,

a key input part (e.g. key input part 146); and

a connection joint portion (i.e. joint portion by hinge 143, Fig. 15) formed on a sidewall of the panel housing (i.e. 144) to which the displays are adjacent (see Fig. 15, and column 8, lines 28-41) so as to dispose the displays to be adjacent to each other and the first display edge is in abutting (i.e. adjoining ) contact with the second display edge, the connection joint portion positioned along a first display edge and a second display edge (see the illustration in Fig. 15).

Note that Wilk teaches connection means (i.e.143, Fig. 15) for foldably connecting the panel housings but "Wilk" doesn't specifically disclose " the connection means (hinge) arranged at the opposite sides of the panel housings over the boundary portion of the adjacent displays, such limitation are merely a matter of obvious choice and would have been obvious in the system of "Wilk". The limitations do not define a patentably distinct invention over that in "Wilk" since the invention as a whole and "Wilk" are directed to a connection means (i.e. external hinge 128, in Fig. 12) arranged at the opposite sides of the panel housings over the boundary portion of

adjacent displays (column 7, lines 45-47). Therefore, to have the connection means which could be arranged at the opposite sides of the panel housings over the boundary portion of the adjacent displays "Wilk" would have been a matter of obvious choice to one of ordinary skill in the art. In this configuration the system would provide a compact and easy to use portable communication device which could be rotably or foldably joined multiple display panels by the hinge.

(2) Regarding claim 22:

Wilk teaches (in Fig 11) connection joint portion (i.e. connection joining portion formed on a sidewall of the panel housing 108 and 88) is opened (i.e. side mounted portion is opened for expanding the display of panel housing 108).

(3) Regarding claim 28:

Note that the discussion above in claim 21, the claim limitations of the claim 28 already discussed in claim 21.

(4) Regarding claim 23:

Regarding claim 23, although "**Wilk**" doesn't specifically disclose \* a thickness of the connection joint portion is less than 0.5 mm\*, such limitation are merely a matter obvious choice and would have been obvious in the system of "**wilk**". since the invention as a whole and "**Wilk**" are directed to an expanding part (i.e. 108), the expanding part (i.e. 108) being coupled to the small Joint portion of the housing for display 98 (see the illustration in Fig. 11).

Therefore, a thickness of the connection joint portion is less than 0.5 mm "Wilk" would have been a matter of obvious choice to one of ordinary skill in the art. In this configuration the system would provide a easy to operate and compact electronic device with multiple display (Wilk, column 2, lines 9-18).

5. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilk in view of Miyashita (US Patent No: 6327482 B1).

Regarding claim 24:

Note that Wilk in Fig. 15 discloses a side wall (i.e. 143) of the panel housings (144 and 142) where the displays are adjacent to each other but Wilk does not disclose that the side wall is cut away to defining a cutting portion.

However, Miyashita in the same field of endeavor discloses that the side wall is cut away to defining a cutting portion (i.e. 9d, Fig. 4A-4B).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to incorporate a side wall as taught by Miyashita in to the display system of Wilk so that the display system could have a side wall which is cut away to defining a cutting portion and the displays could be mounted on the upper end of the cutting portion. In this configuration the system would have a compact and easy to read with accurate data transmission display device (Miyashita, column 1, lines 35-45).

***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9-13, 15-17, 21-24 and 28 have been considered but are they are not persuasive. In view of amendment the reference of Disanto (US Patent No 5508720) has been added.

Applicant Argues that "Wilk's patent did not disclose the necessary construction for using the two displays as one display screen". More specifically Applicant argues that " the connection means such as hinges 128, 143 shown in Fig. 13 and 14 occupies the boundary portion of the adjacent display". However, Examiner disagree Applicant's point of view. Note that limitations of the claims are broadly recited in the claims, and Wilk reference teaches the limitations as recited in the claims. Moreover, the recital of the claims does not exclude the limitation "connection means occupies the boundary portion of the adjacent display". Thus, the reference of Wilk would be proper to teach the limitations as recited in the claims.

**Regarding claims 14, and 25-27:**

Based on Applicant's respond to election species on Fig. 15, claims 9-13, 15-17 and 21-24 and 28 have been examined in this office action for further consideration. Applicant needs to withdraw the claims 14 and 25-27, because these claims are not belongs to the Applicant's elected species. Applicant also provides that the new

amendment to claims 9 and 21 corresponding to Fig. 26 which is inconsistent with the Applicant's election species on Fig. 15.

### **Inquiry**

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Shaheda Abdin** whose telephone number is (571) 270-1673.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard HJerpe** could be reached at (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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